

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph.

--

FORMICA® is the lowest cost option, partly because countertops are simply resurfaced rather than having the counter totally refurbished. In that fashion, FORMICA® is simply used to cover over the original countertop, which of course eliminates the work of tearing out the counter. The shortcomings of FORMICA® include its vulnerability to being marked by scratches as well as burns. Also, FORMICA® does not really achieve a high-end classic look.

--.